

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: **Goodin**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to urge regulation of sexually oriented businesses in Indiana and their employees.

Whereas, regulation of sexually oriented businesses is necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the patrons of such businesses as well as the citizens of the State, and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that sexually oriented businesses, as a category of establishments, are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities, including lewdness, prostitution, and sexual liaisons of a casual nature, and

Whereas, there is convincing documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses, as a category of establishments, have deleterious secondary effects and are often associated with crime and adverse effects on surrounding properties, and

Whereas, the General Assembly desires to minimize and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health,



safety, and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from crime; preserve the quality of life; preserve the character of surrounding neighborhoods and deter the spread of urban blight; and

Whereas, the State recognizes its constitutional duty to interpret, construe, and amend its laws to comply with constitutional requirements as they are announced, and

Whereas, as with the passage of any Act, the State and the General Assembly accept as binding the applicability of general principles of criminal and civil law and procedure and the rights and obligations under the United States and Indiana Constitutions, Indiana Code, and the Indiana Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, and

Whereas, it is not the intent of this Act to suppress any speech activities protected by the U.S. Constitution or the Indiana Constitution, but to enact legislation to further the content-neutral governmental interests of the State, to wit, the controlling of secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urge regulation of sexually oriented businesses in Indiana and their employees.

